



Restore Our Watersheds

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Restoring floodplains, wetlands, and rivers creates more resilient landscapes that allow water to soak into the ground, which filters out pollutants and provides flood control benefits. Fish and wildlife also benefit as new habitat is created. And, it improves stream flow, which carries more sand downstream to help build beaches.

Recycle Wastewater

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Recycling wastewater reduces ocean discharge from sewage treatment plants while creating a local, reliable, and safe clean water supply.

Create Green Streets

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Capturing rainwater in vegetated areas near streets and paved parking lots allows water to soak into the ground, which recharges ground water supplies, reduces flooding, and prevents polluted runoff from reaching the beach and ocean.

Install an Ocean Friendly Garden

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Installing an Ocean Friendly Garden applies Conservation, Permeability and Retention (CPR) to your yard. This conserves water, creates habitat for wildlife, and reduces polluted runoff from your landscape.

Monitor Water Quality

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Testing the water at the beach lets us know where it is safe to swim and surf, and helps identify pollution problems so they can be fixed. Learn how to test the water at your local beach with the Surfrider Foundation's volunteer water quality monitoring program, the Blue Water Task Force.

Clean Water Initiative

The urbanization along our coasts has altered and polluted the natural water cycle. For example, concrete is covering more and more of our landscape, which prevents rain from soaking into the ground and directs polluted runoff straight into the ocean. The Surfrider Foundation advocates for solutions that can restore the water cycle and natural functions of coastal landscapes to protect local water supplies and prevent pollution from reaching our oceans, waves and beaches.

